Pion decay beam sensitivities with NuSTORM

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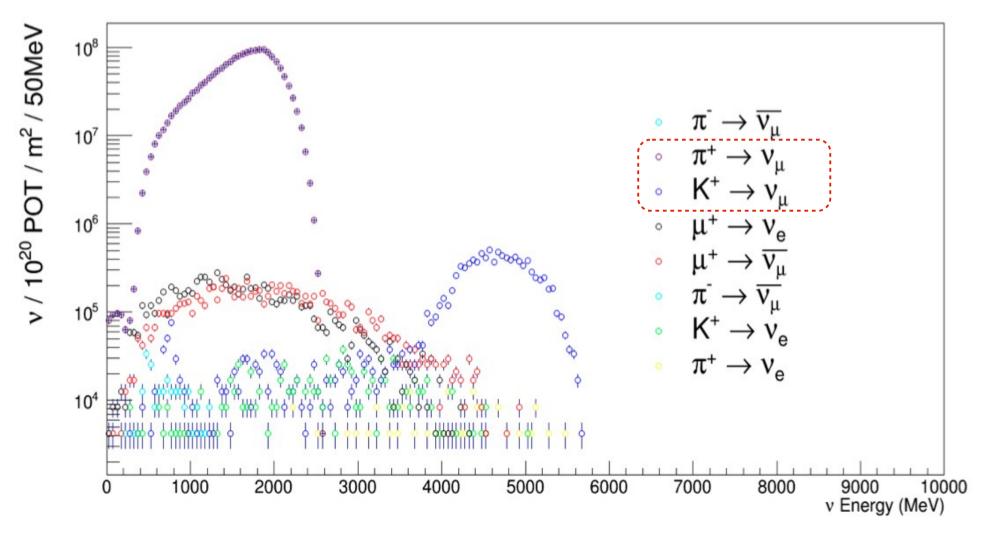
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In this talk

- What the title says: study what can be done with neutrinos produced from pion decay at NuSTORM
 - How many events would we get?
 - Would these provide any useful information towards CP violation searches?
 - Can they help increase LBNE sensitivities?
- We will consider the same detector size and baseline as LBNE (34 kt, 1300 km)

NuSTORM flux from pion decay



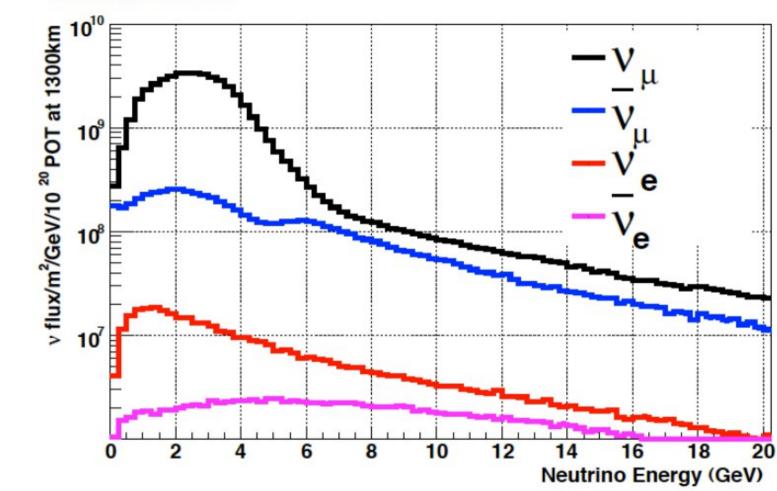
From David Adey's results (see his talk from yesterday)

Assumptions

- No antineutrino data available yet (ie, some assumptions need to be made)
 - We assume that the nubar fluxes will have approximately the same shape as nu fluxes
 - We will show how the results vary when nubar fluxes are 80%-100% of the nu fluxes

LBNE flux

Neutrino Fluxes



From the talk by Kevin Yarritu at NuFlux Workshop, Pittsburgh, Dec 2012

Total number of events (10 yrs)

LBNE

Channel	Signal	Backgr.
$ u_{\mu} ightarrow u_{e}$	1131	701
$\bar{ u}_{\mu} ightarrow \bar{ u}_{e}$	361	634
$ u_{\mu} ightarrow u_{\mu}$	16443	84
$ar u_\mu o ar u_\mu$	11398	64

34 kton, 1.2 MW (1e21 PoT, 120 GeV, 1.65e7 sec/yr)

NuSTORM π -decay

Channel	Signal	Backgr.	
$ u_{\mu} ightarrow u_{e}$	234	14	
$\bar{ u}_{\mu} ightarrow \bar{ u}_{e}$	23-29	5-7	
$\overline{ u_{\mu} ightarrow u_{\mu}}$	315	7	
$ar{ u}_{\mu} ightarrow ar{ u}_{\mu} igg/$	94-117	3-4	
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Nominal would be these, divided by 6

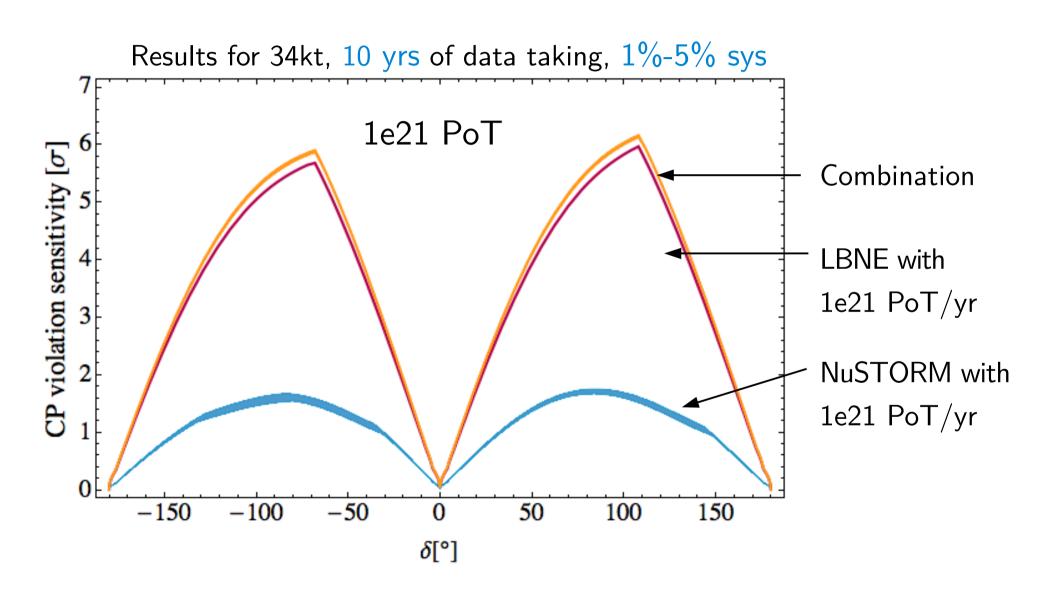
Some simulation details

- All channels include a 1%- 5% normalization uncertainty on signals and backgrounds
- $\theta_{23} = 40^{\circ}$
- Normal hierarchy
- Both sign and octant degeneracies are searched for during marginalization

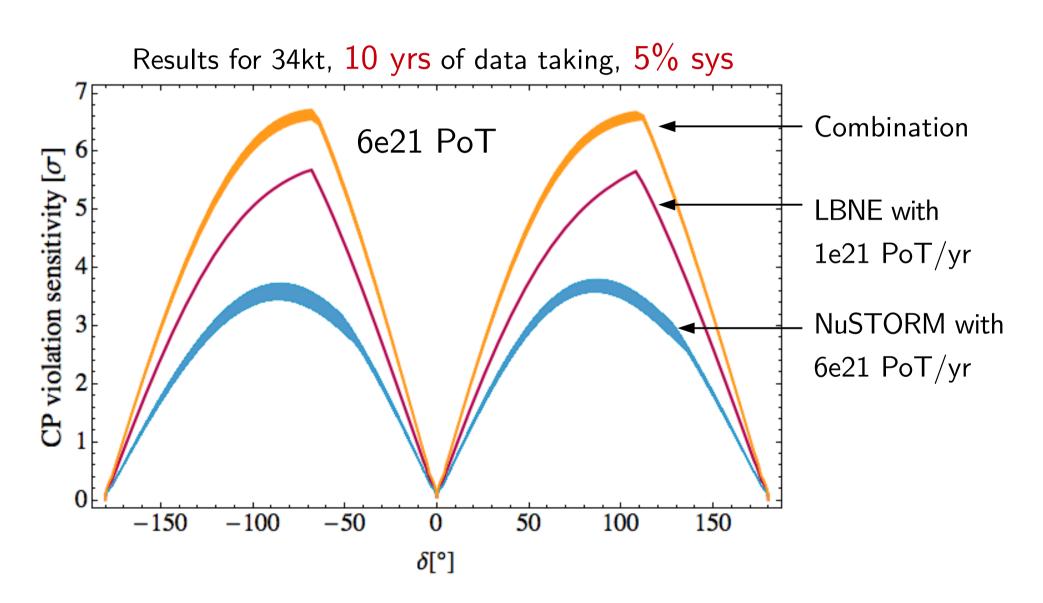
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- Detector response simulated as in the LBNE CDR (October 2012):
 - 1% backgrounds (both CC and NC); migration matrices used to simulate the mis-reconstruction at low E for NC contribution
 - 80%-85% signal efficiencies
 - $0.15 \times \sqrt{E}$ gaussian smearing for nue and nuebar
 - $0.20 \times \sqrt{E}$ gaussian smearing for numu and numubar

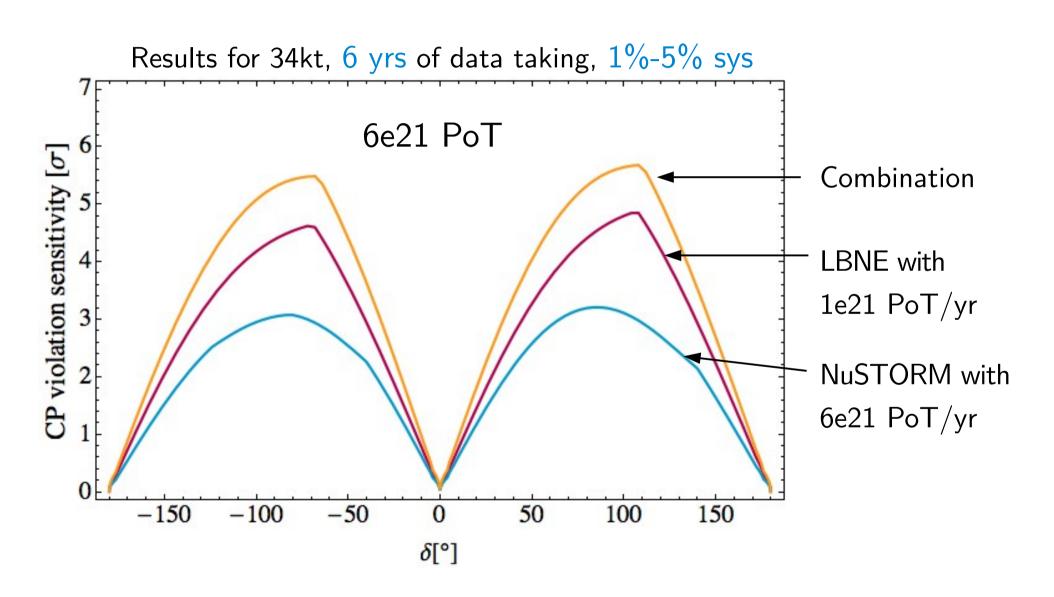
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Conclusions

- NuSTORM would be able to deliver neutrinos from pion decay with energies around 1.5-2 GeV (plus a second peak from kaon decay at \sim 5 GeV)
- For same number of PoT as LBNE, NuSTORM could bring an additional 230 (35) events in nue (nuebar) appearance at the LBNE detector in 10 years
- Result: enhancment of a possible CP violating signal at LBNE ($\sim \! 1\sigma$ extra for maximal CP violation), and a significant increase of the CP fraction for 5σ sensitivity

Thank you!